

(PCT Article 36 and Rule 70)

## INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY

International application No.

PCT/JP2004/017979

Box No. I

Basis of the report

1. With regard to the **language**, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
- ☐ This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language \_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:
- ☐ international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))
- ☐ publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)
- ☐ international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)
2. With regard to the **elements** of the international application, this report is based on *(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)*:
- ☐ the international application as originally filed/furnished
- ☒ the description:
- pages 1, 6, 8, 10, 11 as originally filed/furnished
- pages\* 2-5, 7, 9 received by this Authority on 29.09.2005
- pages\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims:
- nos. \_\_\_\_\_ as originally filed/furnished
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19
- nos.\* 1, 3-5 received by this Authority on 29.09.2005
- nos.\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the drawings:
- sheets 1-4 as originally filed/furnished
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- sheets\* \_\_\_\_\_ received by this Authority on \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.
3. ☒ The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☒ the claims, nos. 2
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).
- ☐ the description, pages \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the claims, nos. \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the drawings, sheets/figs \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ the sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ any table(s) related to sequence listing (*specify*): \_\_\_\_\_

\* If item 4 applies, some or all of those sheets may be marked "superseded."

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Box No. V	Reasoned statement under Article 35(2) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement		
1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1, 3-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1, 3-5	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1, 3-5	YES
	Claims		NO
2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)			
<p>Document 1 (JP 2000-107551 A (Oe Kagaku Kogyo Kabushiki Kaisha), 18 April 2000) indicates that pieces of humidity detection tape (4) for detecting different levels of humidity are attached to the surface of the package (7), indicates that the object to be preserved is covered with a porous film (6) so that the humidity detection tape (4) does not come into direct contact therewith, and indicates that with the exception of the seal section (3a), the surface of the package is provided with an air layer (9) (refer to fig. 3).</p> <p>Document 2 (JP 1-69951 A (Ekika Tansan Kabushiki Kaisha), 15 March 1989) discloses an indicator wherein the base material is impregnated with a reagent and then a part or the whole of the base material is covered with a thin film of plastic so that the base material is completely shielded from the outside.</p> <p>Document 3 (JP 63-48455 A (Dainippon Printing Co., Ltd.), 01 March 1988) discloses a test piece wherein an anti-static layer has been provided to at least one part of a section other than the test reagent section.</p> <p>Document 4 (JP 6-43155 A (Miles Inc.), 18 February 1994 &amp; EP 449017 A &amp; CA 2038167 A &amp; US 5238737 A) discloses diagnostic test pieces that have an anti-static</p>			

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finish.

Claims 1 and 3 to 5

The invention set forth in claim 1 of the present application comprises a first film and a second film, which extend beyond the outer peripheral edges of the humidity evaluation plates so that the outer peripheral edges of the films come into direct contact with one another, wherein the first film and the second film press against the portions of the humidity evaluation plates which surround the region where the air layer is located. Furthermore, the configuration in question suppresses the generation of dust from the cut surface at the outer periphery of the base paper, minimizes the amount of dust that is generated, and minimizes the dispersion of dust from the small holes in the film.

The abovementioned configuration is not disclosed or suggested in any of the abovementioned documents.